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PURPOSE

To ensure each inmate housed in the Department is provided with routine and emergency dental care that meets all requirements set forth by state law and regulations.

To describe the dental services available to inmates.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131

DEFINITIONS

DENTAL ASSISTANT – A person who assists the dentist in routine and emergency procedures in all areas of dental care including diagnostic, preventative, restorative and oral surgery.

DENTAL PROSTHETICS – A manmade device needed to provide mastication.

DENTAL PROSTHETICS TECHNICIAN – A person who fabricates, assembles and repairs dental prosthetics such as dentures and partial dentures.

INSTITUTIONAL DENTIST – A full or part-time employee of the Department who possesses current licensure to practice dentistry in the state of Nevada.

APPLICABILITY

Applies to all inmates housed within and the dental staff employed by the Department.

PROCEDURES

631.01 DENTAL SERVICES

1.1 Dental care will be provided to each inmate under the direction and supervision of a dentist that is licensed within Nevada to provide dental care. **(3-4347)**

1.2 Organization of Dental Services

1.2.1 The Medical Director/designee will have responsibility for the clinical and administrative supervision of institutional dentists providing services to inmates.

1.2.2 Dental assistants will report to the institutional dentist(s) regarding work hours, leave time approval, and conduct.

- The Directors of Nursing Services (DONS) will also have responsibility in the absence of the institutional dentist.

1.2.3 Scheduling of appointments, chair-side assistance, and duties will be under the supervision of the institutional dentist.

- The institutional dentist will work with the DONS in developing and evaluating work performance standards.

1.2.4 Dental records will be kept on all dental care provided including refusal to accept dental care/treatment and will be maintained as a part of the medical record.

1.2.5 An institutional dentist will supervise dental personnel.

1.2.6 Dental counseling will be available to inmates.

1.2.8 Appropriate diagnostic equipment will be available in all dental facilities.

1.3 Classification of Dental Services:

1.3.1 All newly incarcerated inmates will receive a dental examination within fourteen (14) days of intake **(3-4343)**.

1.3.2 Inmates will be charged a co-payment for other visits as outlined in the Department's Administrative Regulation 245.

1.3.3 Whenever an inmate is examined they will be assessed as follows:

1.3.3.1 They will receive immediate treatment on an emergency basis' or

1.3.3.2 Under the classification system outlined below, the inmate will be given a specific appointment date or placed on a waiting list:

1.3.4 Priority IV includes inmates with the following symptoms or conditions:

- An oral infection or oral condition that is acutely infected and/or severely painful.
- An undiagnosed or suspected oral condition such as an ulcerative lesion, growth of tissue, or a possible malignancy.
- An oral condition that may cause immediate health problems.

1.3.5 Priority III includes inmates with the following symptoms or conditions:

- An oral condition such as endentulism or missing teeth that present a mechanical or physical problem to the inmate's ability to masticate.
- The presence of medium to large non-painful carious lesions.
- Moderate to severe periodontal disease.
- Symptomatic fractured tooth or teeth.
- The presence of temporary, sedative, or intermediate restorations.
- Broken or ill-fitting prosthetic appliance(s).

1.3.6 Priority II includes inmates with the following symptoms or conditions:

- Small carious lesions, which do not radiographically present an imminent danger to the pulp.
- Mild periodontitis or gingivitis.
- Minor tooth loss that does not interfere with mastication.

1.3.7 Priority I includes inmates with the following symptoms or conditions:

- A radiographical absence of carious lesions.
- Lack of clinically visible gingival irritation.
- Inmates with no symptoms or apparent need for dental treatment.

1.3.8 The above structure of priorities for dental cannot replace the professional dental judgment.

1.4 Inmate Transfers

1.4.1 Transfer reviews will be conducted with reference to the classification made by dental.

1.4.2 Priority IV inmates will not be cleared for rural camps.

1.4.3 Priority IV inmates who refuse care will not be cleared for rural camp, but may go to an adjacent or local camp.

1.5 Dental Services Not Available:

1.5.1 Vacuum fired porcelain with or without precious or non-precious metals for any restorative work.

1.5.2 Root canals on posterior teeth except when they are an integral part of a bridge or partial support or a crown that is already present or at the discretion of the institutional dentist, when medically necessary.

1.5.3 Cosmetic dentistry.

1.5.4 Orthodontic work (including maintenance of orthodontics present at incarceration), orthodontics may be removed by an institutional dentist with the inmate's signed authorization.

1.5.5 Casting for partial framework.

1.6 Dental Prosthetics

1.6.1 Dental prosthetic devices will be provided based on their classification.

1.6.2 Whenever possible, these services will be provided by Department's dental labs.

1.7 Outside Consultations

1.7.1 The institutional dentist will examine the inmate and record results of the examination on the inmate's dental record.

1.7.2 Appropriate specialists will be contacted for outside consultations, if warranted by dental status and approved by the Medical Director and/or Utilization Review Panel (see Health Care Institutional Procedure # 724).

1.7.3 Emergency consultation (mandibular fracture, profuse bleeding, etc.) will be treated as any other medical emergency.

1.7.4 Treatment for dental problems that existed prior to incarceration will not always be considered necessary after incarceration. The institutional dentist will make this determination.

- If the institutional dentist determines such treatments are not necessary such determination will be documented in the inmate's dental records.

1.8 No inmate will assist in dental procedures.

1.8.1 Inmates may be utilized in the fabrication of dental prostheses.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4343, and 3-4347

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.